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Chapter 28. Adoption Decrees in Foreign Jurisdictions

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Foreign decrees; effect; name change

Sec. 1. Whenever a person is adopted outside Indiana, under the laws of the state, territory, or country where the adoption took place:

(1) the adoption decree:

(A) when filed with the clerk of the court of any county in Indiana; and

(B) when entered upon the order book of the court in open session;

has the same force and effect as if the adoption decree were made in accordance with this article;

(2) the adopted person:

(A) has the same rights; and

(B) is capable of taking by inheritance, upon the death of the adoptive parent, property located in Indiana;

as though the person had been adopted according to the laws of Indiana; and

(3) if a name other than a name in the adoption decree is requested, the adopted person shall take the name requested in a petition filed under this section.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.130-2005, SEC.11.

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Full faith and credit

Sec. 2. Every decree of a court terminating parental rights issued by a court of any other jurisdiction within or outside the United States shall be recognized in Indiana so that the rights and obligations of the parties concerning matters within the jurisdiction of Indiana shall be determined as though the decree were issued by an Indiana court.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Consent

Sec. 3. Every consent to adoption taken in a jurisdiction outside Indiana that:

(1) is valid under the law in force in the state, territory, or country where the consent to adoption was taken; or

(2) would be valid if the consent to adoption had been taken in Indiana;

is a valid consent to an adoption.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Jurisdiction

Sec. 4. The court where an adoption proceeding is pending has

jurisdiction over a person if the person's consent to the adoption taken outside Indiana includes a provision that the person giving the consent to adoption submits to the jurisdiction of the Indiana courts.
As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.